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SUBJ: VISIT OF PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE BASKETBALL TEAM TO CAE

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH GUY DARLAN REGARDING VISIT OF PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE BASKETBALL TEAM. DARLAN SAYS HE SPOKE WITH DR. MILTON BY TELEPHONE ON EVENING OF JUNE 27 AND EXPLAINED THAT ALL PREPARATIONS FOR AUGUST 11 ARRIVAL WERE GOING AHEAD AT FULL-SPEED. DARLAN HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO WORK WITH HIM IN PREPARING LOGISTICS FOR VISIT AND WE ARE HAPPY TO DO SO. HE HAS ASSURED US THE GOCAE WILL PROVIDE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS, OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAVEL, AND RECEPTION AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

2. WE TOO ANXIOUSLY AWAIT THE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE VISIT. THE PROGRAM TAKES ON AN ADDED SIGNIFICANCE IN THE WAKE OF VISITS FROM THE CHINESE AND IVORY COAST TEAMS IN JUNE AND JULY AND THE ELEVEN-NATION CENTRAL AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP TO TAKE PLACE IN BANGUI IN LATE JULY. WHILE HAVING DEFEATED ALL-COMERS THUS FAR, THE CENTRAL AFRICANS LOOK FORWARD TO THE AMERICAN VISIT NOT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE, BUT AS A CHANCE TO LEARN. WE CAN ASSURE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE SPORTS THAT THEIR TEN-DAY VISIT TO BANGUI WILL BE GREETED WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM AND WILL GENERATE MUCH GOODWILL.
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